Case3-act5

GUYS CLAD IN BLACK
WERE LAUGHING
WHILE BEATING UP MIZUKI-CHAN AND HER FIRENDS!!
ALL I COULD DO WAS HOLD MIZUKI-CHAN.
I FELT SO POWERLESS.
AS WE WAITED FOR THE AMBULANCE AND POLICE TO ARRIVE.

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Cos-play Cops
Cheese! • Shogakukan

DETEC-TIVE...?
I'M DETECTIVE KAWAI FROM THE CRIMINAL INVESTIGATION DEPARTMENT.
I'M HATANO FROM THE SAKURAYA POLICE JUVENILE DEPARTMENT.

YES
YOU'RE AZUMA, RIGHT?
PLEASE, CALM DOWN ARE YOU MS. MIZUKI KOJIMA'S PARENTS?
SHE'S JUST SIXTEEN YEARS OLD THEY'RE DESPI-CABLE!
OFFICER, YOU MUST CATCH THOSE CRIMINALS!

I'M RITSUKA AZUMA OF THE SAKURAYA POLICE TRAFFIC DIVISION
I HAPPENED TO BE AT THE SCENE WHERE THE GIRLS WERE AT-TACKED

SORRY FOR ASKING SO SUDDENLY, BUT
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHO THE PERPETRATORS ARE?
THOSE PEOPLE APPROACHED US AT THE KARAOKE BAR YESTERDAY!
THEY'VE BEEN TARGETING US!
CAN YOU TELL US WHAT HAPPENED?
WE HAD A SCHOOL FESTIVAL YESTERDAY, BUT
HALFWAY THROUGH AKARI, YU AND I DECIDED TO SKIP IT AND GO TO THE KARAOKE
SIGN: KARAOKE PLACE
ARE YOU MIZUKI KOJIMA FROM SEIKA HIGH?
NEAR THE ENTRANCE, GUYS IN BLACK SUITS APPROACHED US...

SO YOU'RE THE ONE GOING AROUND THIS NEIGHBORHOOD SELLING HERSELF THEN ACCUSING GUYS OF RAPE AND EXTORTING COMPENSATION
YOU SHOULDN'T DO THINGS LIKE THAT
YOUR LITTLE CHILD'S PLAY HAS GONE OVERBOARD
HAND OVER ALL THE MONEY YOU'VE EXTORTED FROM THOSE [illegible]
NO WAY!
YOU'LL HAVE TO PAY US HALF YOUR EARNINGS THE NEXT TIME SO WE CAN TURN A BLIND EYE
WHAT THE HECK?!
I NEVER DID ANY OF THAT.
AND WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY EXTORTION?

GO AHEAD AND PLAY DUMB.
WE'LL BE BACK.
THINK ABOUT IT CAREFULLY, 'TIL NEXT TIME.
S- KOJIMA-SAN, YOU'VE NEVER TRIED TO SELL YOURSELF OR EXTORTED MONEY IN ANY WAY, OR HAVE YOU?
OUR CHILD WOULD NEVER DO [illegible] A THING!
HOW RUDE!

IT'S GIVEN.
THEY LENT US MONEY.
WE WENT ON DATES.
THEY BOUGHT OUR TIME.
MI... ZUKI...?
IT'S LIKE A PART-TIME JOB.

SO YOU LIED WHEN YOU SAID YOU WERE RAPED!
AND YOU THREATENED MORI-SAN AND OTHER GUYS?!
MIZUKI
THEY HAVE TO BE EXPOSED FOR BULLYING A HIGH SCHOOL GIRL!
THOSE MEN ARE THE ONES AT FAULT!
IT WAS MY MISTAKE FOR NOT SEEING THROUGH IT!
MORI-SAN WAS TELLING
THE TRUTH ..

I'LL PROBABLY BE STUCK WITH THESE SCARS FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE!
KILL THOSE BASTARDS WHO DID THIS TO ME!
GO BACK THERE AND CATCH THOSE CRIMINALS!
YOU PATHETIC MORON, MOOCHING OFF OF OUR TAX MONEY,
WHY DIDN'T YOU PROTECT ME?!
MORE IMPORTANTLY, AREN'T YOU A COP?
PLEASE, DON'T STRESS OUT THE VICTIM
Waahh!
LET'S GO AZUMA.
I'M SORRY
THIS IS MY FAULT
BY CALLING OUT TO THEM, YOU EVEN STOPPED THEM FROM INFLICTING FURTHER HARM.
DON'T SAY THAT. AT LEAST WE HAVE A WITNESS
I'M THINKING IT HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THE YAKUZA OR SOME GANGSTERS
THEY WERE CLEARLY GIVING THEM A WARNING OF SORTS

ITSUKI-SAN TOLD YOU ?
YOU CAN TELL ME THE DETAILS LATER
OH YEAH, I HEARD ABOUT IT FROM ITSUKI.
I HAVE PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THIS CASE.
UHM, KAWAI-SAN,
KAWAI-SAN!
AZUMA!
HEY ITSUKI, OVER HERE.
AZUMA, ARE YOU HURT?!
DON'T SHOUT INSIDE THE HOS-PITAL.
IT'S THE VICTIM'S BLOOD.
OH, RIGHT SORRY

IT... SUKI... SAN
Drip
Drip
TUG
THE VICTIM S INSIDE
BUT SHE'S A HAND-FUL...
ITSUKI, TAKE AZUMA HOME FOR TODAY.
I'LL MONITOR ANY PROG-RESS HERE

ITSUKI-SAN...
MIZUKI-CHAN WAS LYING...
IF I BELIEVED MORI-SAN IN THE FIRST PLACE,
THIS WOULDN'T HAVE HAP-PENED...
I CAN IMAGINE HOW DEV-ASTATING IT IS FOR A GIRL...
MIZUKI-CHAN MIGHT HAVE THOSE SCARS ON HER FACE FOR THE REST OF HER LIFE...
IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.

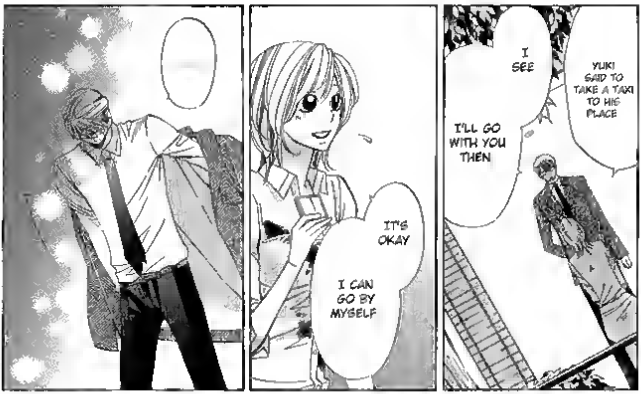
I-
ITSUKI-SAN,
YOUR CLOTHES WILL GET DIRTY...

Sniff
Sniff
Sniff
HUUU...
HUU
HUHU...
I'SUKI-SAN...
FWUMP
Transcendence

WILL FUJI BE THERE WHEN YOU GO BACK TO YOUR DORM?
SHE'S ON DUTY NOW.
YOU PROBABLY DON'T WANT TO BE ALONE RIGHT NOW.

AL-THOUGH...
WHY DON'T YOU GO TO YOUR #OYFRIEND'S PLACE?

IF I SHOW UP LOOKING LIKE THIS WITH ALL THIS BLOOD
HE'LL BE SHOCKED
HE'LL BE BURDENED
HOW ABOUT MY PLACE?
ONCE YOU'VE CALMED DOWN, I'LL TAKE YOU BACK TO YOUR DORMITORY
ITSUKI-SAN
IT'S
YUKI...
SHOULDN'T YOU ANSWER IT?
VIBE
VIBE


YUKI SAID TO TAKE A TAXI TO HIS PLACE
I SEE
I'LL GO WITH YOU THEN
IT'S OKAY
I CAN GO BY MYSELF

THE TAXI MIGHT REFUSE TO TAKE YOU IF YOU LOOK LIKE THIS.
JUST TAKE THE COAT AND GO.

LET'S GO TO THE MAIN ROAD.
YOU CAN TAKE A TAXI THERE.
THANK GOD ITSUKI-SAN IS THERE.

THE TAXI DRIVER MIGHT'VE REFUSED TO TAKE ME LOOKING LIKE THIS, SO ITSUKI-SAN LET ME BORROW HIS COAT
WHAT HAPPENED?!
NEVERMIND THE COAT
ARE YOU HURT SOMEWHERE?
Slip out
IT'S ITSUKI SAN'S
Open
YOUR CLOTHES...

IT'S MIZUKI-CHAN'S BLOOD
SHE WAS ATTACKED
BY SOME GUYS WEARING BLACK

SHOCKED...
YOU MUST HAVE BEEN...
HE SOAKED MY BLOODSTAINED CLOTHES FOR WASHING.
AND EVEN PREPARED A CHANGE OF CLOTHES FOR ME.
...
MY UNDERWEAR
CAUGHT SOME STAINS, TOO
I DON'T WANT TO WEAR THEM ANYMORE

RITSUKA
THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF ITSUKI-SAN'S COAT
UMM,
DO YOU WANT TO DRINK SOMETHING WARM?
YOU CAN STAY THE NIGHT
I'LL TAKE YOU TO YOUR DORM IN THE MORNING.

SHE SAID SO HERSELF
BUT STILL IT'S TOO MUCH...
SHE'S ONLY SIXTEEN...
I SEE SO SHE WAS BEATEN UP AS A WARNING
AND SHE CONFESSED TO COMPENSATED DATING AND EXTORTION
FOR THEM, IT'S A NATURAL CONSEQUENCE OF WHAT SHE DID...
IT WOULDN'T BE SURPRISING IF SHE GOT GANG RAPED OR SOLD OFF
THEY THINK THEY DID HER A FAVOR BY ONLY BEATING HER CLOSE TO DEATH
IT CAN'T BE HELPED PEOPLE FROM THE UNDERGROUND SOCIETY DESPISE THOSE KINDS OF AMATEURISH ACTIVITIES.
I KNOW YOU'RE NOT A YAKUZA YOURSELF... I'M SORRY!
IT'S OKAY
YOU SEEM TO KNOW A LOT ABOUT THIS, YUKI
OH YEAH, YOUR FATHER.

I REALLY DON'T GET 'COMPENSATED DATING'
ADULT MEN BUYING OFF YOUNG GIRLS IS JUST DISGUSTING.
IF ONLY MEN LIKE THAT DIDN'T EXIST...
I GUESS MORI-SAN'S A BAD GUY AFTER ALL. HE HAD ULTERIOR MOTIVES
YET STILL, I WASN'T ABLE TO DO ANYTHING.
WHY IS IT THAT GIRLS ARE ALWAYS THE ONES WHO GET HURT,
EVEN IF IT'S PRIMARILY THE FAULT OF THOSE KINDS OF MEN...?
GRIP
I THINK
THOSE GIRLS WHO SELL THEMSELVES OFF ARE NOT WITHOUT FAULT EITHER.

BOTH PROSTITUTES AND RAPISTS DESERVE DEATH SENTENCES.
YUKI...
IS I SCARING ME?
IT'S BECAUSE THE LAW OF THIS COUNTRY SUCKS.
SINCE THERE ARE GIRLS WHO READILY SELL THEIR BODIES, IDIOTIC MEN TREAT WOMEN'S SEXUALITY LIGHTLY.

YEAH...
IT'S THE USUAL
CARING YUKI
I'M GLAD YOU'RE SAFE
ANYWAY...
Sigh
Pant
Pant
I'M NOT WEARING ANY...
RITSUKA, YOU... UNDERGARMENT...?
THEY WERE ALL SOILED, SO...
!
FORCEFULLY

Transcendence
YUKI, DON'T
TODAY
MIZUKI-CHAN WAS...
AHH...
THE GENTLE YUKI'S
BEING THIS INTENSE
AH~
AHN
HAA
BUT HAVING MY BELOVED
TOUCH ME THIS WAY
IS MAKING ME FEEL HOT.
HAAH

I'M SO HAPPY...
THAT MY CHEST BURNS!!
HAA...
SORRY, RITSUKA...
I KNOW IT'S INCONSIDERATE OF ME, BUT I'M SO HAPPY
THAT I CAN'T HOLD IT IN ANY-MORE
YUKI
HUGH
I LOVE YOU SO MUCH...
IT WAS LIKE YOU WERE SAYING YOUR WOUNDED SELF WANTED
TO BE HEALED IN MY ARMS...
YUKI...

HAA
AHH
AH
RITSUKA...
YOU'RE SO BEAUTI-FUL
W-WAIT A SEC!
YUKI, WAIT
!!!
AND KIND
THAT KID DOESN'T EVEN CARE ABOUT YOU.
AT LEAST
SHE DESERVES TO GET A CUT ON HER FACE
RIP

HOW DID YOU KNOW
SHE GOT A CUT ON HER FACE?!
I NEVER TOLD YOU THAT...
THERE WERE RUMORS ABOUT IT...
WHAT?
DON'T LIE TO ME
Transcendence
I MAY NOT BE A YAKUZA MYSELF BUT I'M STILL THE SON OF THE HEAD OF THE HIKAWA GROUP
I HAVE GREATER ACCESS TO INFORMATION THAN THE GENERAL PUBLIC
SUCH A RUMOR IS GOING AROUND IN THE MAFIA CIRCLES
IN THE MAFIA CIRCLES?!
LET'S CHERISH OUR TIME TOGETHER.
ENOUGH OF THIS TALK.
Kiss

I REALLY FEEL SORRY FOR MIZUKI-CHAN...
HE WAS SAYING ONLY AWFUL THINGS ABOUT MIZUKI-CHAN SINCE AWHILE GO
WHY IS HE SUDDENLY ?
THE PERSON I SAW YESTERDAY
THE STORE MANAGER AT THE CASINO
YOU KNOW HIM RIGHT?!
IS HE A YAKUZA?
Sigh
HE IS
YES,
IF YOU HAVE CONTACTS INSIDE,
THEN YOU SHOULD'VE KNOWN ALL ALONG!
DESPITE KNOWING THEY WERE TARGETING MIZUKI-CHAN,
WHY DIDN'T YOU DO ANYTHING TO STOP THEM?!

I DID
I THINK THAT'S WHY THEY ONLY BEAT HER LIP TO THAT EXTENT.
TO THAT EXTENT...?
SHE MIGHT HAVE TO LIVE WITH THAT SCAR ON HER FACE ALL HER LIFE!
SO WHAT?
ARE YOU SAYING IT'S BETTER IF SHE GOT GANG RAPED OR SOLD OFF OVERSEAS, UNABLE TO LIVE A DECENT LIFE?
CAN WE STOP TALKING ABOUT THIS PLEASE?
BUT REALLY, WHOEVER DOES WRONG DESERVES TO BE PUNISHED.
ALTHOUGH IT MIGHT BE HARD FOR SOMEONE AS RIGHTEOUS AS YOU TO UNDERSTAND

YOU'RE A YAKUZA AFTER ALL.
I'M SCARED
I DON'T UNDERSTAND YOU.
DON'T TOUCH ME.
I'VE BEEN DECEIVED
BY HIS KIND VOICE AND KIND FACE
HE'S NOT WHAT I THOUGHT WAS

GRAB
SHUDDER
KYAAA!
FWUMP
NO,
YUKI!

I DON'T WANT TO DATE YOU ANYMORE!
scrambie
I DON'T KNOW YOU.
POW
NOOO!
Transcendence
GOODBYE!
KER-CHAK

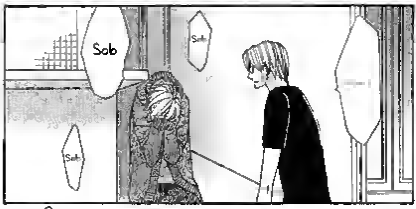
HU...
CLOSE
HUHU

ARE YOU A FRIEND OF THIS LADY?
HELLO?
YOU'RE DOWN-STAIRS?
OKAY. I'LL BE THERE SHORT-LY
!!!
I JUST COULDN'T LET HER GET OFF THE TAXI WITH-OUT MAKING SURE IT'S SAFE...
BUT CONSIDERING THE LADY'S STATE,
SORRY FOR CALLING YOU OUT TO COME DOWN AT THIS TIME
PRIVATE TAXI
Steps out
I TOLD MYSELF TO GO TO THE POLICE, BUT

Close
I'M SUPPOSED TO SAY I FLED AFTER BREAKING UP WITH MY BOYFRIEND BUT...
AZUMA
ARE YOU SAYING YOU BROKE UP WITH HIM AND CAME HERE?
DON'T TELL ME HE ATTACKED YOU?!
HE WAS ABOUT TO...
I ESCAPED AND CAME HERE...

MM...
HAVE YOU CALMED DOWN?
SORRY FOR BOTHERING YOU THIS LATE
IT SEEMS LIKE TAMIKO ISN'T HOME AND AI WASN'T PICKING UP EITHER.
DRIP
ANYWAY, IT'S GOOD THAT YOU'VE CALMED DOWN NOW.
IT'S FINE
YUKI
I THOUGHT HE WAS A KIND PERSON... BUT HE'S NOT...
HE KNEW
THAT YAKUZAS WERE AFTER MIZUKI-CHAN...
?!
HOW?

YES...
HE'S THE SON OF THE HEAD OF THE HIKAWA GROUP.
HIKAWA GROUP?!
DOES TAKAYA KNOW ABOUT THIS?
DOES HE KNOW
WHO ATTACKED THE VICTIM?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IT'S BETTER FOR YOU TO SLEEP ON IT...

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I DON'T KNOW...
HOW COULD HE STAY CALM IN THIS SITUATION?
HOW COULD HE SAY SUCH MEAN THINGS ABOUT MIZUKI-CHAN...?

LIE DOWN.
CREAK
COME ON ON YOUR FEET.
I
OKAY...
CAN SLEEP ON THE SOFA.
IT'S OKAY.
Blush

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I'LL STAY BY YOUR SIDE.
HIS HAND IS BIG AND WARM...
BUT FOR NOW...
I'LL HAVE TO GO BACK TO REALITY TOMORROW
sleeps

Contacts
Konishi Yuki
Yamazaki Kazuma-sensei
THE BITTER AFTER-TASTE OF THE EVENTS REMAINED ONLY IN MY HEART
INCLUDING A THORN NAMED 'YUKI'
HE HASN'T CONTACTED ME EVER SINCE
PLASTIC SURGERY HAS SOMEHOW LESSENED THE VISIBILITY OF THE SCARS
ON THE FACES OF MIZUKI-CHAN AND HER FRIENDS
BUT, IT SEEMS THEY CAN'T BE REMOVED COMPLETELY
AND THERE SEEMS TO BE NO TRACE OF REMORSE FROM THE GIRLS EITHER
IN THE END, MORI-SAN DIDN'T PUSH THROUGH WITH FILING A DAMAGE REPORT.
WE'VE BEEN INVESTIGATING THE CASE REGARDING MIZUKI-CHAN'S ASSAULT, BUT THE CULPRIT HASN'T BEEN FOUND UNTIL NOW...
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RITSUKA-CHAAAN!
YEEEGS!
I'M COMING.
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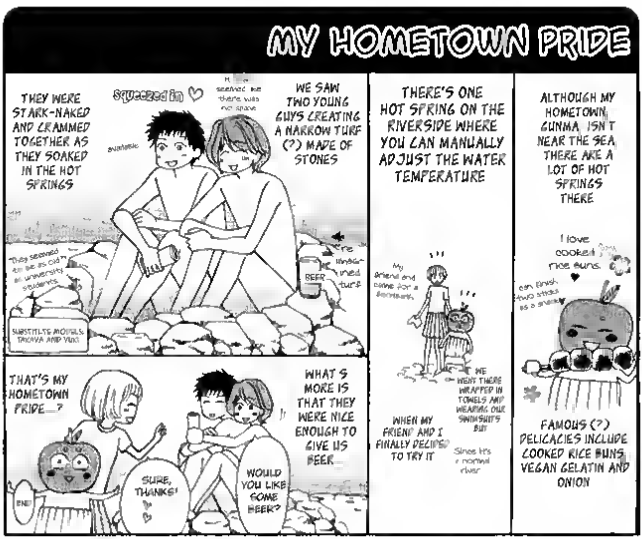
MY HOMETOWN PRIDE
THEY WERE STARK-NAKED AND CRAMMED TOGETHER AS THEY SOAKED IN THE HOT SPRINGS
Squeezed in
It seemed we didn't was not alone
WE SAW TWO YOUNG GUYS CREATING A NARROW TURF (?) MADE OF STONES
This seemed to be as cozy as university students
BEER
SUBSTITUTE MOTHERS SHUNYA AND YUKI
THERE'S ONE HOT SPRING ON THE RIVERSIDE WHERE YOU CAN MANUALLY ADJUST THE WATER TEMPERATURE
My friend and came for a swimsuits.
WE WENT THERE WRAPPED IN TOWELS AND WEARING OUR SWIMSUITS BUT
WHEN MY FRIEND AND I FINALLY DECIDED TO TRY IT
Since it's a normal river
ALTHOUGH MY HOMETOWN, GUNMA, ISN'T NEAR THE SEA, THERE ARE A LOT OF HOT SPRINGS THERE
I love cooked rice buns.
Um. Enoki mushroom sticks as a snack?
FAMOUS (?) DELICACIES INCLUDE COOKED RICE BUNS, VEGAN GELATIN AND ONION
THAT'S MY HOMETOWN PRIDE...?
Ehh?
SURE, THANKS!
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME BEER?
WHAT'S MORE IS THAT THEY WERE NICE ENOUGH TO GIVE US BEER...

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AROUND THE SAME TIME, A FIRE OCCURRED IN A BUILDING NEAR THE SAKURAYA STATION!
HEY...
ISN'T THAT...?
WHAT?
A FIRE!!!
DUE TO AN UNEXPECTED TURN OF EVENTS, RITSUKA DISCOVERS THAT ITSUKI DOESN'T HAVE A GIRLFRIEND AND STARTS TO BECOME CONSCIOUS OF HIM.
It's not something I like to say out loud but
I'M SINGLE.

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